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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consultation has been held among National Security Adviser, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to resolve spectrum controversy;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether all the hurdles that were preventing clearance of spectrum has been finalised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (e) A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted for vacation of spectrum and raising resources for the purpose. In its first meeting (September 2007), among other, a committee was setup under the National Security Adviser (NSA), with Secretary (Telecom), Defence Secretary, Wireless Advisor to the Govt. of India, Signal Officer-in-Charge, Army Headquarters, and a representative from Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), for speedy release/vacation of spectrum. The meeting of this committee scheduled during February 2008 has been deferred. Meanwhile, the scheme for providing alternate network for release of spectrum has commenced.